

HIGHLIGHTS

2013 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Who Were Homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community

The Point-in-Time (PiT) count was conducted on January 30, 2013. The annual count is conducted consistent with guidelines from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and covers people who are literally homeless – those who are in shelters; in time-limited transitional housing programs; or unsheltered and living on the street. The count does not include people who live in temporary arrangements with family or friends, or self-pay to live in a motel. (However, outreach workers, community and faith-based programs often work with families and individuals living in these situations as well as those who are literally homeless.) Collection of the data for the PiT count involved dozens of staff from public and private nonprofit organizations that work with people who are homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.

- ❖ There were 1,350 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community, 747 were people in families and 603 of them were single individuals.
 - The number of people who were literally homeless declined by 12 percent (184 people) from the number counted in January 2012.
 - Persons in families decreased by 11 percent (90 people) compared to 2012.
 - Single adults decreased by 13 percent (94 adults) compared to 2012.
- ❖ Persons in families account for 55% percent of all homeless persons counted, consisting of 230 families with 747 people.
 - 33 percent (452 people) of all persons who were homeless were children under the age of 18, the same percentage as last year.
 - 58 percent of adults in homeless families were employed. In 2012, 59 percent of adults in families were employed.
 - In 2013, 27 percent of all persons in families were homeless due to domestic violence, a decrease from 40 percent in 2012. 30 percent of families identified domestic violence as the reason for homelessness.
 - There were 19 fewer families who were homeless in 2013 compared to 2012, with 90 fewer people, including 53 fewer children and 37 fewer adults.
- Single individuals account for 45% percent of all homeless persons counted, a total of 603 people.
 - 57 percent (341 people) of single adults who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, a decrease from 64 percent in 2012, and many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities.
 - 22 percent (134 people) of single adults were employed.
 - 9 percent (57 people) of the single adults were reported as veterans.
 - There were 104 unsheltered individuals. Unsheltered individuals comprised 17 percent of total single adults compared to 26 percent in the 2012 count.



Characteristics for Persons in Families

Number of Families: 230 Total Number of Persons in Families: 747

Adults in Families: 295 Children in Families: 452

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Age: Under age 6	200	27
6 - 11	147	20
12 - 17	105	14
18 - 24	62	8
25 - 34	107	14
35 - 54	121	16
55 and over	5	1
Homeless due to domestic violence (all persons)*	203	27
Current or prior history of domestic violence (all persons)*	274	37
Limited English proficiency	81	27
Chronic health problems	17	6
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	19	6
Physical disability	12	4
Veteran of U.S. military service	10	3
Formerly in foster care	12	4
No identified subpopulation	82	28
Gender: adults, male	54	7
adults, female	241	32
children, male	246	33
children, female	206	28
Adults: who are employed	172	58
with income	234	79
with no income	39	13
with income unknown/not reported	22	7
Race/ethnicity (all persons): Hispanic (any race)	127	17
White (non-Hispanic)	162	22
Black (non-Hispanic)	378	51
Bi-or Multiracial/Asian/Other/Unknown	80	11

^{*}Children are included in these two categories and percentages.

Prior to 2012, children were included in all of the subpopulation characteristics.

Characteristics for Single Individuals

Total Number of Single Individuals: 603

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Age: 18 - 24	49	8
25 -34	99	16
35 - 54	281	47
55 and over	174	29
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	341	57
Chronic health problems	56	9
Physical disability	77	13
Homeless due to domestic violence	27	4
Current or prior history of domestic violence	57	9
Limited English Proficiency	73	12
Homeless from an institution	63	10
Formerly in foster care	20	3
Veteran of U.S. military service	57	9
Chronic homeless	243	40
Unsheltered	104	17
Male	443	73
Female	160	27
Has income	233	39
No income	166	28
Income unknown/not reported	204	34
Employed	134	22
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic (any race)	92	15
White (non-Hispanic)	234	39
Black (non-Hispanic)	238	40
Bi-or Multiracial/Asian/Other/Unknown	39	6